

# Fact Sheet:

## Baronne St. Dedicated Bike Lane

City of New Orleans  
Department of  
Public Works



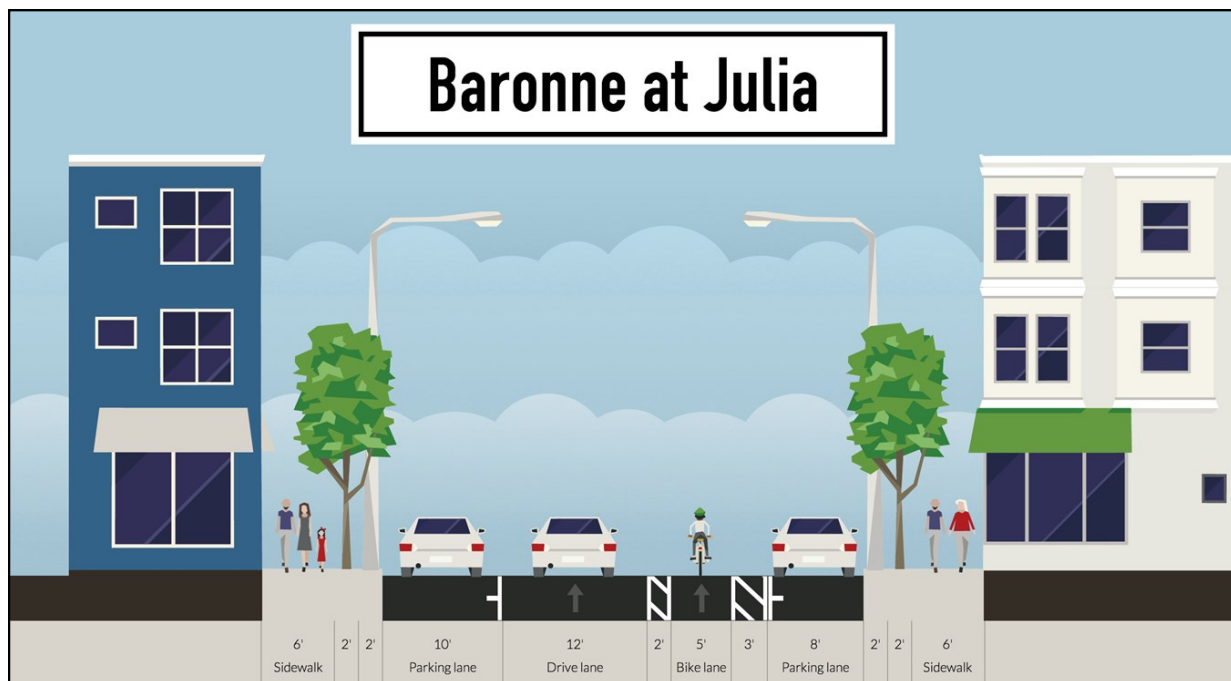
### Notice of Public Meeting

**When:** Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2014 at 6 p.m.

**Where:** Contemporary Art Center  
900 Camp St., New Orleans, LA

## Project Summary:

The City of New Orleans, Department of Public Works, in consultation with the Downtown Development District and BikeEasy is considering installing a dedicated bike lane on Baronne St. from Canal to Calliope street in the Central Business District (CBD). Baronne St. is currently being re-paved as part of the State of Louisiana's Paths to Progress program.



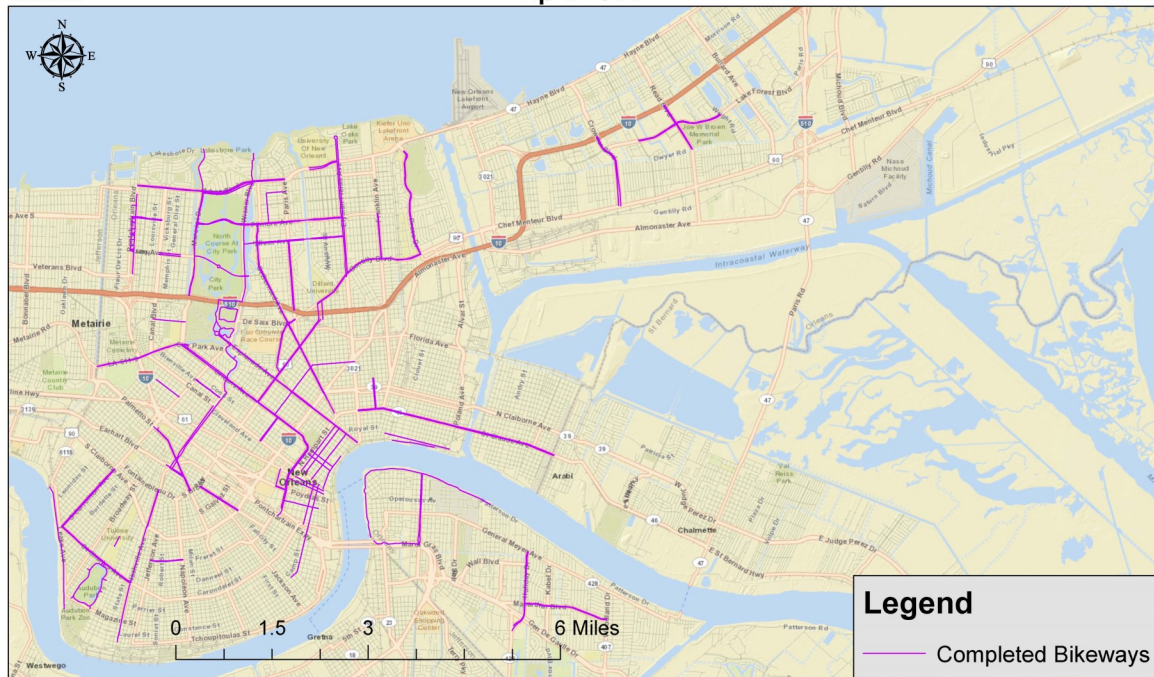
## Possible Configuration

Baronne St. from Canal to Calliope street is currently a one-way street with two travel lanes and a parking lane on either side of the roadway. The Department of Public Works is considering a re-configuration of Baronne St. to include:

- Eliminating one travel lane from Canal to Calliope streets and replacing it with a dedicated bike lane.
- Eliminating one parking lane from mid-block Julia to Calliope streets and replacing it with a second travel lane to make two travel lanes, one parking lane, and a dedicated bike lane on this section of Baronne St.



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### Considerations:

Reconfiguring Baronne St. with a dedicated bike lane is technically feasible. Such a change will have tradeoffs. The Department of Public Works is considering the following items and is seeking feedback on the change.

- The installation of a bicycle lane on Baronne St. from Canal to Calliope streets is consistent with the City's **Master Plan** and the **Complete Streets Program**.
- Addresses social equity by providing a **low cost, safe route to/from work** for employees without access to an automobile.
- Promotes **current/future economic development** on Baronne St. and in CBD, especially during non-peak hours.
- Connects bicycle networks that currently exist on both sides of the CBD.
- Dedicated bike lanes are **safer** for drivers **and** cyclists.
- New Orleans ranks as **eighth in the nation** amongst large cities in the percentage of residents who **bike to work** (2.3%) and the City is on track to have a total of a 100 mile bikeway network in place by the end of 2014.
- Loss of **three metered parking spaces** and **one freight zone** on Baronne St. from Julia to St. Joseph streets.
- Drive time on Baronne St. during rush hour is anticipated to increase by **51-98 seconds**.